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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ITALIAN SHIPMENT OF APC'S  
FOR ATHERTON (S/S HOLD FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY)  
1. SOME REFINEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE DRAFT MEMORANDUM  
ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH YOU HAVE FOR CLEARANCE, BUT WHICH  
HAS NOT YET BEEN SEEN BY ARTHUR HARTMAN. THEY DO  
NOT, HOWEVER, MATERIALLY CHANGE THE THRUST OF THE ARGU-  
MENTATION. A THIRD OPTION, RECOMMENDING POSTPONEMENT OF  
OUR DECISION ON THIS MATTER, HAS BEEN ADDED. UNDER THIS  
OPTION, IT IS POINTED OUT THAT: 1) WE DO NOT PERCEIVE  
WHY A DECISION BY JANUARY 15 IS CRUCIAL; AND 2) WHILE  
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ARGUE AGAINST A FAVORABLE DECISION,  
A FLAT REFUSAL TO THE ITALIANS MIGHT CREATE REAL DIFFICUL-  
TIES FOR THE GOI, WHICH IS HARD-PRESSED TO SORT OUT ITS  
RELATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PARTICULARLY TO MAINTAIN  
ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF OIL SUPPLIES. THUS AN ADDITIONAL  
RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE TELL THE ITALIANS THAT SINCE WE  
CANNOT GIVE THEM A FAVORABLE RESPONSE AT THIS TIME, THEIR  
PROPOSAL SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE SITUATION IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST HAS CLARIFIED.  
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